

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission
From: Jerry Basler
Date: February 1st, 2011
Subject: Map Amendments Workshop

Lewis County currently maintains 111 zoning maps, including the required “official zoning maps and the required urban growth area maps, representing each city’s UGA and the industrial areas. It appears that over time maps were produced for specific zoning land uses, tied to a specific parcel in Lewis County. Although this practice may have served a purpose at one time, the accumulation of maps has reached a level that maintaining them has become unfeasible.

After staff discussion and discussions with GIS, staff is recommending a reduction in the current number of maps.

There are approximately 111 maps contained in the current zoning ordinance. These 111 maps could be reduced to 14 maps: 1 official zoning map, 9 maps representing each city’s urban growth area, 1 map representing “Industrial Land Bank-I-5 and S.R. 12”, 1 map representing “Industrial Urban Area, Reserve & Land Bank-Centralia Steam Plant”, 1 map representing “Proposed Urban Area-Birchfield Fully Contained Community”, and 1 map representing “Major Industrial Development-Float Glass Manufacturing Facilities”.

The reduction of maps would eliminate the need to change some or all maps required by changes to the official zoning map, reduce the number of paper copies having to be produced and kept in the office, and reduce the redundancy of managing 111 maps.

Additionally, it is also recommended by staff that the current Chapter 17.200 “Maps” be amended to clarify the intent and purpose of the Chapter.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners at the March 22nd, 2011 meeting. A public hearing will be required by the Board of County Commissioners at a later date.